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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

I am writing you regarding two issues currently before your bureau—Petition of Senator Dinniman for Interim Emergency Relief and Senator Dinniman v. Sunoco Pipeline L.P.

As Minority Chairman of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, I have long advocated for the safe and responsible development of our natural resources, including natural gas. Natural gas development, including moving the processed product to refinery and to market, continues to be a “game changer” for Pennsylvania.

Data shows that pipelines are the safest and most reliable mode of transportation for energy products. And with our Commonwealth home to about 91,000 miles of pipeline, including several major pipelines in my Senate district, all Pennsylvanians benefit from that safety and reliability every day. The Mariner East Pipeline Project is an important energy infrastructure project that, once completed, will have a major economic impact on the state.

The timely consideration of the aforementioned issues before the PUC is imperative. I trust your organization is working through its due diligence and I have confidence that you will arrive at an appropriate remedy.

Sincerely,

John T. Yudichak
Minority Chairman
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